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SUBJ: DUTCH DEMARCHE TO GOI ON UN ZIONISM RESOLUTION

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1. DUTCH AMBASSADOR MADE PRESENTATION TO MEA SECRETARY (EAST) TRIVEDI NOVEMBER 5 ON BEHALF OF EEC NINE URGING GOI TO SHIFT ITS VOTE TO OPPOSE OR AT LEAST ABSTAIN IN UNGA PLENARY ON ZIONISM RESOLUTION WHICH INDIANS HAD SUPPORTED IN THIRD COMMITTEE. (ITALIAN AMBASSADOR, ORIGINALLY SCHEDULED TO JOIN IN DEMARCHE, HAD RECEIVED NO INSTRUCTIONS FROM ROME.)

2. ACCORDING TO NETHERLANDS EMBOFF, TRIVEDI EXPRESSED UNDERSTANDING OF DUTCH FEELINGS ON THIS SUBJECT IN VIEW OF DUTCH SUPPORT FOR MANY NON-ALIGNED POSITIONS, AND PARTICULARLY ON RACISM IN AFRICA. HE SAID THE GOI HAD

TAKEN A CAREFUL AND NOT EXTREME POSITION IN THE THIRD COMMITTEE ON THE ZIONISM RESOLUTION, NOTING ONLY THAT
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ZIONISM IN PALESTINE HAD WORKED AS AN ELEMENT OF RACIAL

DISCRIMINATION IN THE AREA. HE OBSERVED THAT INDIA HAD VOTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH ITS TRADITION OF SUPPORTING THE ARAB STATES ON THE PALESTINIAN ISSUES, BUT NOTED ALSO THAT AT THE TIME OF THE VOTE INDIA HAD NEEDED VOTES FOR THE SECURITY COUNCIL SEAT CONTEST. HE PROMISED THE NETHERLANDS AMBASSADOR THAT HE WOULD PROMPTLY CONVEY THE APPROACH ON BEHALF OF THE NINE TO FONMIN CHAVAN. HE NOTED IN CLOSING, HOWEVER, THAT IT WAS USUAL PRACTICE FOR STATES TO VOTE IN PLENARY AS THEY HAD IN COMMITTEE.

3. COMMENT: WHILE TRIVEDI WAFFLED BACK AND FORTH, THERE ARE SOME GLIMMERS OF ENCOURAGEMENT IN HIS COMMENTS TO THE NETHERLANDS AMBASSADOR AND WE ARE SEEKING AN APPOINTMENT WITH TRIVEDI TO MAKE A FURTHER AND SIMILAR APPROACH BUT PREOCCUPATION OF SENIOR MEA OFFICIALS WITH BANGLADESH MAY PREVENT OUR BEING ABLE TO DO SO.
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